

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, the specification is amended, claims 2-3, 6, 8-10, 15, 20-22, and 27-29 are canceled, the Abstract, and claims 1, 4-5, 7, 11, 13-14, 16-17, 19, 23-26, and 30 are amended. Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 11-14, 16-19, 23-26, and 30-31 are pending. No new matter is added.

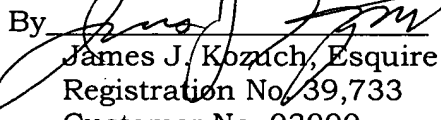
Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amended Abstract.

This Amendment is submitted to better conform the application to United States practice by, *inter alia*, adding section headings to the Specification, eliminating multiple dependencies from the claims, and amending the Abstract to remove the title of invention and confirm to United States practice.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in good form for initial examination on the merits. Accordingly, prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for initial examination and allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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